

### Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (Currently amended): A chain guide mounting system comprising:

- a) a mounting surface having at least two bolt holes;
- b) a plurality of bolts each comprising a bolt threaded section complementary to the bolt hole and a bolt shaft extending from the bolt threaded section, wherein the bolt is mountable in the bolt holes, and wherein nearest edges of the bolt shafts of each pair of bolts, when mounted, are spaced apart by a first distance; and
- c) a chain guide having at least two bolt slots for receiving the bolts, wherein the chain guide is mountable with the bolts through the bolt slots to the mounting surface, nearest edges of each pair of bolt slots of the chain guide, when mounted, being spaced apart by a second distance, wherein at an operating temperature for at least one pair of bolt shafts ~~and at least one pair of bolt slots~~ and their respective pair of bolt slots the first distance is equal to or ~~slightly~~ smaller than the second distance such that the bolt shafts contact the nearest edges of the bolt slots.

2. (Original): The mounting of claim 1, wherein the chain guide is under no load.

3. (Original): The mounting of claim 1, wherein the chain guide is under a load.

4. (Original): The mounting of claim 1, wherein the mounting surface is an engine housing.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original): The mounting of claim 1, wherein at least one first distance is greater than the second distance such that at least one of the bolt shafts does not contact the nearest edges of the bolt slots.
7. (Currently amended): A chain guide mounting system comprising:
- a) a mounting surface having at least two bolt holes spaced apart by a first distance between nearest edges of the bolt holes;
  - b) a mounting bolt for each bolt hole, mountable in the bolt hole of the mounting surface; and
  - c) a chain guide having a bolt slot corresponding to each bolt hole and spaced apart by a second distance between nearest edges of the bolt slots by which the chain guide can be mounted with the bolts to the mounting surface, wherein at an operating temperature the first distance is equal to or ~~slightly~~ smaller than the second distance such that the bolts contact the nearest edges of the bolt slots.
8. (Original): The mounting of claim 7, wherein the chain guide is under no load.
9. (Original): The mounting of claim 7, wherein the chain guide is under a load.
10. (Original): The mounting of claim 7, wherein the mounting surface is an engine housing.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Original): The mounting of claim 7, wherein at least one first distance is greater than the second distance such that at least one of the bolt shafts does not contact the nearest edges of the bolt slots.